



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 26th January 2024



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#### Punctuality

I worked in the office on Tuesday morning and there were 36 children late. I was taken aback considering the majority of those children live within a 10 minute walk of the school. On the face of it, your child being late to school may not seem disruptive. However, the teacher has to stop teaching the class, update the late-comer and then carry on. Now if this was an isolated incident, not ideal, but they happen. When you have two or three children arriving late in a class at different times, this disrupts the learning for all the other children who were there on time, two or three times. If this happens in the Lower Phase during Phonics for example, it is very detrimental to the whole class. Please make an effort to have your child in school and on time.

#### Attendance

This week I met with our attendance officer from Ealing who went through our autumn attendance figures. She was generally happy as the majority of children were between 90% and 100%. Although our target is 96%, children currently between 85% and 90% should easily be able to pick up their percentages as the year progresses. It becomes more difficult the lower the percentage becomes. Please have a look at the table below to see how attendance affects your child's learning. The percentages in red are startling and should be an eye opener for parents of children who currently have attendance figures below 85%. On the plus side, there is still time to improve attendance figures. However, if you are having problems with bringing your child into school, let me know and we can have a look at any issues.

95%	=	<b>47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	<b>95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	<b>142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	<b>190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR</b> 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

**BE SMART BE THERE!**

Percentages based on 190 academic days

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR  
ATTENDANCE  
FIGURES  
ACTUALLY MEAN?

Sunday 28th January 2024

Gospel: Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



*When Jesus heals the man in Capernaum, people recognise the power of his message*

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Love Learn Believe**

## **Catholic Social Teaching**

Both solidarity and peace are integral to Catholic Social Teaching, reflecting the Church's commitment to building a just and peaceful society. By promoting solidarity, the Church seeks to address social inequalities and promote the well-being of all individuals. "We are all really responsible for all" – all of us. Wherever we are, whatever our age, whatever our circumstances. We are all responsible for one another, those close by, and those far away. The quotation from St John Paul II is an ongoing challenge. All of our actions have consequences locally and globally. We continue to focus on this important topic in school and encourage the children to reflect on their learning and understanding at home.

### *Challenge:*

Make a poster to display around the school promoting peace and unity.

Remember to hand in to your Class Teacher by Wednesday 31st January.

Please try to complete the challenge each week. Class Teachers will be looking forward to seeing your hard work!

Thank you.

## **Bowling**

After our great success in October, on Monday morning, a group of 6 children headed down to Park Royal Ten Pin Bowling Alley once again to compete in the West London Bowling Finals. It was a great morning and although we were not triumphant this time, the children worked well as a team and had a great time bowling. The children were presented with a medal and a certificate for their fantastic effort. Well done to Lily, Richy, Louie, Malannie, Rich and Kayden. Thank you to Miss Redhead, Ms Paul and Miss Scotts for accompanying the children.



## **Rise in measles in North-West London**

In the last few weeks there has been an increase in the number of cases of measles in North-West London, including a few among Ealing children. This is in the context of a rise in measles nationally and in London, linked to low immunisation coverage. Measles is extremely infectious and can cause serious illnesses, including pneumonia and meningitis. I attach the previous letter to the back of this newsletter.

## Celebrations

Religious Education Work of the Week awards are given to children who have shown that bit of extra effort in their RE lessons that week.

Class	Name	Reason
Nurse-ry	Cian	For good understanding of this week's Gospel.
RB	Charlotte	For her lovely work on the story of the 'Presentation'.
RH	Szymon	For always saying prayers so nicely.
RL	Harvinder	For his great writing on the Presentation story – well done!
1AP	Omojade	For her wonderful writing about the role of the Priest during Mass. Well done!
1EB	Lily	For her painting of a Priest.
1SR	Iga	For her fantastic watercolour painting of a Priest.
2AB	Kornelia	For writing a thoughtful 'Peacemaker Pledge' on how to make your school and home a calmer place.
2AF	Angelo	For his excellent retell of Jesus and Zacchaeus.
2JB	Jan	For his thoughtful idea during our CST lesson about how to create peace.
3AR	Lilly	For a wonderful poster that promotes Peace and Solidarity at St. Joseph's.
3DB	Grace	For her amazing poster about Solidarity and Peace.
3M	Dylan	For using wonderful images that represent Solidarity and Peace.
4AS	Onur	For creating a brilliant job advert for a priest and considering how the Priest serves the community.
4GS	Ava	For participating fully and guiding the learning of others in our lesson about how people of the Parish serve the community.
4S	Euan	For an excellent understanding of the Parish community and its importance to locals.
5AL	Jasmine	For creating a wonderful 'Coat of Arms' which demonstrates how she lives out her mission.
5AS	Jack	For creating a wonderful coat of arms to show how he lives out his mission.
5CR	Alan	For creating a brilliant poster about Solidarity and Peace in our CST lesson!

Headteacher awards are presented each week to children who the staff think have put that little bit of extra into their work. Well done to the children listed below:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Sienna	For taking good care of her belongings.
RB	Jennifer	For making progress in phonics – keep it up!
RH	Jack	For making a great effort with sounds and blending.
RL	Angela	For putting in her best effort when reading.
1AP	Antoni B	For putting in his best effort during writing tasks. Excellent work!
1EB	Anna	For her amazing efforts and progress.
1SR	Daniel	For displaying great thinking skills in Problem Solving.
2AB	Delia	For settling in so well to life at St. Joseph's.
2AF	Arnav	For his brilliant advert convincing someone to buy a first class ticket for the Titanic.
2JB	Aoibheann	For her fantastic contributions during our air quality work-shop.
3AR	Eloise	For her creative ideas when writing poetry in English.
3DB	Amelie	For her positive attitude to learning and never being afraid to challenge herself!
3M	Shane	For sharing some interesting views and opinions in Oracy.
4AS	Kseniia	For always putting 100% effort to all challenges she is faced with.
4GS	Martyna	For making progress in her work and sometimes working more independently. Well done and keep up the good work.
4S	Georgia	For excellent effort whilst sketching using charcoal in Art!
5AL	James	For putting effort into everything he does and says this week.
5AS	Nikodem G	For showing a positive attitude towards learning.
5CR	Xavier	For having great focus in our English lesson about formal and informal language.
6LI	Ezekiel	For a positive attitude towards his learning and always being ready to help.
6MS	Julia	For writing a fantastic description of her dog in English. Well done!
6WL	Millie	For excellent work on relative pronouns and relative clauses.

Good Disciple awards are given to children who have shown exceptional love and kindness to fellow pupils and are helping to build God's kingdom here and now. Well done to the children listed below:

Phase	Name	Reason
Lower	Darcie	For taking care of others.
Middle	Zofia 3M	For always caring for others and going out of her way to help.
Upper	Evelyn 4S	For always being kind and caring towards her peers.



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8 January 2024

Dear parent/carer,

**Re: rise in measles in north-west London**

In the last few weeks there has been an increase in the number of cases of measles in north-west London, including a few among Ealing children. Measles is extremely infectious and can cause serious illnesses, including pneumonia and meningitis.

**Immunisation**

Make sure your child gets two MMR vaccines on time; the first at 1 year old and the second at 3 years, 4 months. Having both doses gives long lasting protection against measles, mumps, and rubella. You can find more information about the MMR vaccine on the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk) or if you have any questions or worries about vaccinations, here's a [video link](#) that helps explain them.

If you or your child missed these vaccines, it's not too late. Ask for a free vaccine from your family doctor (GP) if you or your children aren't up to date. If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine immunisations, please check their 'red book' (personal child health record) or contact your GP practice. Your GP or practice nurse will be able to review your child's immunisation status and answer questions about immunisation.

**Symptoms of measles**

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. Stay away from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

Symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; and a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the first symptoms.

Please note that when children are feeling unwell, most of the time, they can still attend school, and should be encouraged to do so. It is usually appropriate for parents and

carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

**However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.** If you are unsure, please seek advice by calling NHS 111 or your GP.

#### **Contact with a measles case**

The UK Health Security Agency will be notified of all cases of measles and advise on the public health management including contact tracing. Please note that if your child has not had one dose of MMR vaccine and someone else in the same house gets measles, they will not be able to go to school for 21 days after contact with the infected person (the time infection can take to develop).

For more information on measles, please go to the [NHS website](#).

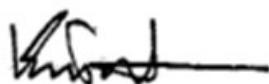
Yours sincerely,



Anna Bryden, Director of Public Health, Ealing Council



Robert South, Strategic Director of Children's Services, Ealing Council



Dr Vijay Tailor, Borough Medical Director, Ealing Borough Based Partnership

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**contact** *For families  
with disabled children*

# CONTACT EALING

This workshop will look at the support available for families of children & young people with additional needs, including information on education, health, social care and financial issues

There will also be the opportunity to have your questions answered



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**Wednesday, 31st  
January 2024  
10am-12pm  
via MS Teams**

**email [parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk) to register or for more info**



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## **EALING PARENTING SERVICE SPRING TERM 2024 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

**Tuesday, 23rd January**

10am-12pm via MS Teams

### **Understanding Your Teen**

This workshop will look at emotional development through adolescence, to help better understand teenage behaviour and enable us to empathise with their experience. The workshop will also discuss mental health and the support available

This session is for parents/carers of young people aged 12-18 years

**Wednesday, 31st January**

10am-12pm via MS Teams

### **The Contact Ealing Team**

This workshop will look at the support available for families of children & young people with additional needs, including information on education, health, social care and financial issues

This session is aimed at all parents/carers

**Tuesday, 20th February**

10am-12pm via MS Teams

### **Employment, Benefits & Retraining**

This workshop will be delivered by Think Family Plus work coaches. You will discover what support is available for you, get advice on returning to work. You will receive help around retraining for a different career and will get a chance to have your questions answered

This session is aimed at all parents/carers

**Thursday, 29th February**

10am-12pm via MS Teams

### **Playful Interactions**

Explore your inner child as a way of connecting and communicating with children through playful interactions.

This session is aimed at all parents/carers

**Please email [parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk) to book your place, giving your full name/email address/mobile no.**



# FREE ESOL Courses

## Registration Days for ESOL Classes to start in February 2024

- Hanwell Methodist Church, 16 Church Road, W7 1DJ  
Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 10:00 to 12:30

(travel and childcare costs can be covered for in person classes)

### Please bring:

Passport and visa or BRP card  
Proof of Benefits (if you have them)  
Proof of Address  
Child's Birth Certificate (if you need childcare support)

(Online classes and classes in other areas of London also available – register online)



[www.elatt.org.uk/apply-courses](http://www.elatt.org.uk/apply-courses)

Technology support available to help with joining online sessions)

### To find out more...

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